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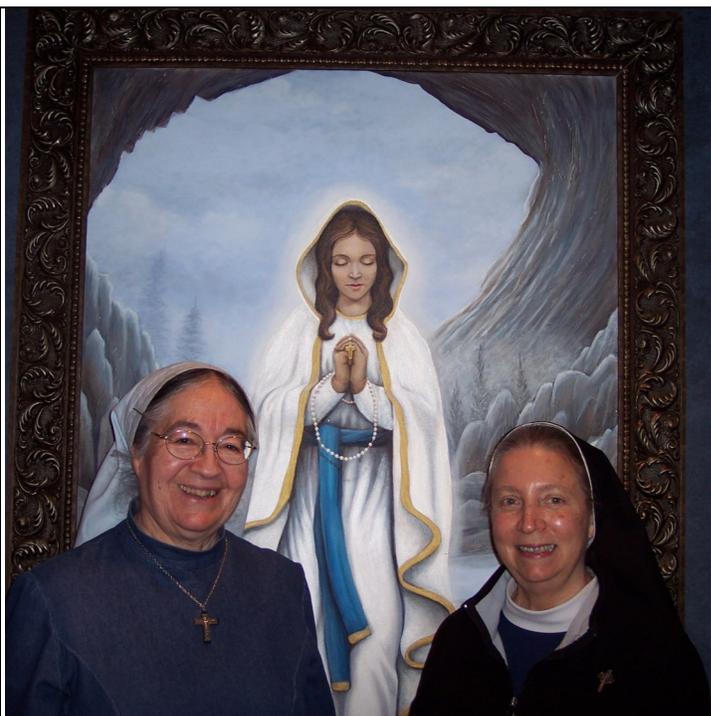
Resurrection Friends

By Hermit Sister Mary Beverly

The voice on the phone sounded kind, sweet and gentle. When she told me she was a religious, I somehow already knew it. It was February of this year, 2015. I heard the lady saying, "Sister Beverly, I am Sister Pamela Marie, a Good Shepherd Sister. I visited you at Marymount Hermitage years ago when you were first beginning. You probably do not remember me." (True.)

"My sister is Patricia Plumtree who lived in Boise, Idaho..." (Memories came flooding back. Jim and Patricia Plumtree had been friends of my spiritual director, a Jesuit priest and the pastor of what was then in 1981 the parish of St. Matthew's in Eagle, Idaho. That church has since been closed and the parish merged with what used to be Holy Spirit parish in Meridian to become the new parish of Holy Apostles in Meridian, Idaho. Every year since I met them, Jim and Pat wrote a nice card for Christmas and Easter and sent \$50. For awhile, they had moved back to Chicago, Illinois, their original home, but still continued to write and donate. Pat often wrote, "When my sister, Sister Pamela Marie, visits, we will bring her to Marymount again." It had not happened and so I did not expect it anymore. Then, after a number of years, they moved back to Boise, Idaho. Last year at Christmas, Pat wrote and said that Jim had died. When I wrote to her in early January to thank her for her beautiful card and kind donation, I also offered her my sincere condolences. Now, what was it Sister Pamela Marie was telling me?...)

"My sister, Patricia, died last month. (Gasp.) She walked outside her home when it was icy, fell and hit her head. She was dead in 24 hours. After I received the call from Boise, I immediately flew here from



Sister Mary Beverly, HSM, and Good Shepherd Sister Pamela Marie (at right) shown with a shrine painting inside Holy Apostles Church in Meridian, Idaho on February 22, 2015. This luminous painting is entitled *Our Lady of Lourdes*. (Photo by Mary Chamberlin)

China. I have been working as a missionary, doing pro-life work, for the last eighteen years. I have permission from my Superior to be here long enough to close up Pat's house, so that it can be sold, and to conclude the details of her estate." (I was still wondering what all this had to do with me.)

Sister Pamela Marie continued, "I am offering you whatever from Patricia's house can be used at the Hermitage." (Sister went on to mention a long list of items.) We agreed that Mary Chamberlin and I would visit her in Boise on Sunday, February 22, to see the

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house and offered household items, so we could make our decision and arrange the moving details. That morning, we first met Sister Pamela Marie at Holy Apostles Church for Mass. Her face was kind and her manner gentle, matching the sweetness of her voice.

On March 16, Mary and I, with able assistance from Sherry Moore and her two strong sons, Danny and Tommy, went to the Plumtree house in Boise with a rented U-Haul truck and Danny's pick-up truck. We brought back to Marymount Hermitage useful items such as two twin beds, four book shelves, two chest of drawers and a large quantity of like-new bathroom towel sets and kitchen towels, pillows, linens, blankets and bed spreads. Other household items included books, candles, table cloths, and tools, just to give you an idea of what was donated. We also emptied out Patricia's freezer and pantry of food items which we could use. It was quite a caravan of three fully packed vehicles going home to Mesa!

I tell this story to ask your prayers for the repose of the souls of our generous benefactors, Jim and Patricia Plumtree and for all the deceased friends of Marymount Hermitage that they might have the joy of eternal life with the Resurrected Lord Jesus.

Another small story of "resurrected" life is that Mary and I visited Sister Rebecca Mary recently at the convent in Beaverton, Oregon. I am happy to report that Sister is much better. I attribute this mainly to the prayers of so many people. It was wonderful to see her so full of life and happy, occupied with her prayer and sacrifices for souls and many intentions. She makes the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM every day. Sister Rebecca Mary summarizes this stage of her life of prayer and reading by saying, "I am busy with Divine Mercy." Since I write this on Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2015, I ask the Lord to not only show you his great mercy and deep personal love, but to extend that same Divine Mercy to others through your heart and hands. We thank God for the mercy extended to us by Sister Pamela Marie and Mr. and Mrs. James Plumtree and all our many faithful and faith-filled friends over these many long years. Please pray for us as we do for you. Thank you.

God bless you and Happy Easter season as we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost!



Sister Pamela Marie, sister to Patricia Plumtree, at Holy Apostles Church on February 22, 2015 before her return to China. Please pray for this brave missionary, who calmly says she could be deported any day! She is a saint.



Mary Chamberlin in front of Holy Apostles Church, Meridian, Idaho.

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